

**CRIMINAL DOCKET  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

D. C. Form No. 100A Rev.

TITLE OF CASE	ATTORNEYS
<p>THE UNITED STATES</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>Leslie Merle Darks and Clarence Willard Layton</p>	<p><i>For U. S.:</i> Hubert H. Bryant Assistant U. S. Attorney</p> <p>Earl Knight (Darks) Spavinaw, Okla. 74366</p> <p><del>x For Defendant x</del> David H. Sanders (Darks) 624 South Denver Tulsa, Okla. 74119</p> <p>Tom Knight, Jr. (Layton) Claremore, Okla. Ed Parks, 217 W. 5th. 74103</p>
CLOSED	

STATISTICAL RECORD	COSTS			DATE	NAME OR RECEIPT NO.	REC.	DISB.
J.S. 2 mailed 1-31-69	Clerk						
J.S. 3 mailed 2-28-69(2)	Marshal						
Violation Check kiting	Docket fee						
Title 18							
Sec. 1341							

DATE	PROCEEDINGS
1-15-69	Record vote of the grand jury, filed in open court. b
1-15-69	Indictment, filed in open Court. b
1-15-69	Personal bond of Leslie Merle Darks, in the sum of \$5,000.00, filed in open court. b
1-15-69	Order specifying methods and conditions of release, filed.
1-15-69	Appearance bond of Clarence Willard Layton, in the sum of \$3,000.00, filed; surety - United Bonding Insurance Company. (Alfred V. Duran) b
1-15-69	Order specifying methods and conditions of release of Clarence Willard Layton, filed. b
2-5-69	Defendant Leslie Merle Darks, present in person and represented by Earl Knight. Defendant arraigned, indictment heretofore filed, reading waived, and enters pleas of NOLO CONTENDERE as to each of Counts 1 thru 12. Government's objections to NOLO CONTENDERE plea overruled and NOLO CONTENDERE plea as to Cts. 1 thru 12 are accepted by the court. It is adjudged that the defendant is guilty as charged in counts 1 thru 12. Government's request to pass sentence is denied.
	Judgment and Sentence- Leslie Merle Darks (55)
	Cts. 1 thru 12- Probation for a period of 5 years from this date, as to each count, and one of the conditions of pro-

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2-5-69	bation is that the defendant continue making payments to the First National Bank of Chelsea, Oklahoma 9(Allen E. Barrow-Judge) h
2-5-69	Order of Probation filed and entered. (AEB-J)h
2-7-69	Two c.c. of above order delivered to Probation Officer. h
	Defendant Layton present and represented. Deft. arraigned, copy of Indictment heretofore received and read. Deft. advised as to charge and enters pleas of NOT GUILTY as to each of Cts. 1 thru 12 and is granted 20 days in which to plead to Indictment. (FD-J)m
2-13-69	Case set for Jury Trial on Monday, 3-10-69 at 9:30 AM(FD-J)h (as to def.Layton)
2-27-69	Defendant, Clarence Willard Layton, present in person and represented. Defendant withdraws pleas of NOT GUILTY as to Cts. 1 thru 12 entered 2-7-69, and enters pleas of NOLO CONTENDERE to Cts. 1 thru 12. Government's objections to plea overruled and plea accepted by the court.
	Judgment and Sentence- Clarence Willard Layton Cts. 1 thru 12- Probation for a period of 5 years from this date, as to each count, and one of the conditions of probation is that the defendant continue making payments to the First National Bnk of Chelsea, Oklahoma. Case stricken from jury docket of 3-10-69.(AEB-J)h
2-27-69	Order of probation filed and entered. (AEB-J)h
2-27-69	Two c.c. of above order delivered to US Prob. Office. h
2-26-70	Ordered by the Court that this case is set for hearing as to defendants Darks and Layton on conditions of probation at 10:00 A.M., March 17, 1970. (AEB-J) ds
3-6-70	Hearing as to defendants Darks and Layton on conditions of probation is stricken from docket of 3-17-70 and reset for hearing on Thursday, March 12, 1970 at 10:00 A.M.(AEB-J)h
3-10-70	Hearing as to defendants Darks and Layton on conditions of probation is stricken from docket of March 12, 1970. (AEB-J). js
1-21-72	Report and Order Terminating Probation Prior to Original Expiration Date of the Deft., Clarence Willard Layton--Thomas P. Ballard, U.S. Probation Officer, filed. (AEB-J)v

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## UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER

Northern DISTRICT OF Oklahoma.

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES

BEFORE BENJAMIN B. BALLENGER  
(Name of commissioner)FEDERAL BUILDING, TULSA, OKLAHOMA.  
(Address)

COMMISSIONER'S  
DOCKET No. 1 CASE No. 389  
THE UNITED STATES  
vs.  
LESLIE MERLE DARKS, (54)  
CLARENCE WILLARD LAYTON.

Complaint filed on June 20, 1968, by Dale H. Williams  
Official title F. B. I. charging violation of  
United States Code, Title 18, Section 1341, on 1-24-68 -  
19, at Chelsea, Okla. in the 4-20-68  
division of the Northern district of Oklahoma.  
as follows:

CHECK KITING SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

FILED

16, 1968  
JUN 28 1968

(Here insert brief summary of facts constituting offense charged)

## WARRANTS OR SUMMONS ISSUED:

Date June 20, 1968 Warrant/Summons for LESLIE MERLE DARKS & CLARENCE S. LAYTON  
to (name and title of officer) TO ANY U.S. MARSHAL OR ANY AUTHORIZED U.S. OFFICER:  
Substance of return Def't. DARKS; Arrested by Carl Gardner, U.S.D.M.

Date Warrant/Summons for  
to (name and title of officer)  
Substance of return

## PROCEEDINGS ON FIRST PRESENTATION OF ACCUSED TO COMMISSIONER: Ballenger

Date June 20, 1968 Arrested by Carl Gardner, U.S.D.M. on warrant of Benjamin B. Ballenger  
U.S. Commissioner (Name of issuing officer)  
without warrant.

Appearances { for United States (Name) (Address)  
for accused Darks: David H. Sanders, Atty. Tulsa, Okla. (Name) (Address)

Proceedings taken Def't. Leslie Merle Darks presented, advised of charge filed  
(Here insert with dates, when appropriate, a serial account of essential steps taken at hearing such as "complaint prepared,"  
against him, his right to counsel and a preliminary hearing. Def't. was re-  
if arrest is without warrant: "defendant informed of complaint and right to retain counsel and preliminary hearing": "preliminary examination waived,"  
presented by counsel David H. Sanders and preliminary hearing requested and  
if that is the fact; any adjournments taken, etc.  
set for 6-28-68 @ 9:00 A.M. Bond fixed at \$5000.00, def't. released on  
personal bond and released for preliminary hearing.

JUNE 20, 1968: Defendant present and represented by David H. Sanders and  
states that he waives preliminary hearing and defendant is held for Court  
Action. D/ Benjamin B. Ballenger  
U. S. Commissioner.

## Outcome

Bail fixed June 20, 1968, 19 Amount, \$ 5000.00 Bonded, 19, by cash  
deposited by (name) Address, 19 [or] by surety  
transmitted to clerk of district court Address, 19 [or] by surety  
(name) Leslie Merle Darks Address, 300 East 4th St., Chelsea, Okla.  
(name) Address, who  
justified by affidavit dated June 20, 1968, [or] committed to  
on, 19

SUBPOENAS FOR WITNESSES ISSUED:

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for (name of witness) \_\_\_\_\_  
at request of (name of party) \_\_\_\_\_  
Substance of return \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for (name of witness) \_\_\_\_\_  
at request of (name of party) \_\_\_\_\_  
Substance of return \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for (name of witness) \_\_\_\_\_  
at request of (name of party) \_\_\_\_\_  
Substance of return \_\_\_\_\_

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:

(Not to be used if case was disposed of at first presentation)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Appearances for \_\_\_\_\_

{ United States (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
Accused (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES FOR UNITED STATES: (List names and addresses)

WITNESSES FOR ACCUSED: (List names and addresses)

Witness payroll containing \_\_\_\_\_ names certified to United States Marshal for payment \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
Proceedings taken \_\_\_\_\_

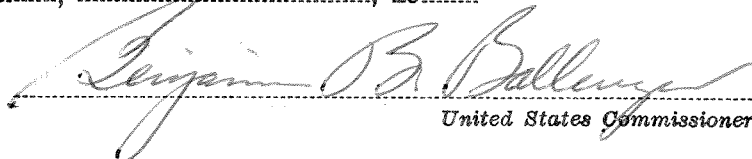
Outcome \_\_\_\_\_

Bail fixed \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ Amount, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bonded \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, by cash  
deposited by (name) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
transmitted to clerk of district court \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
[or] by surety (names) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
who justified by affidavit \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ Committed to \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Certified to be a correct transcript.

Made this 28th day of June, 19 68

Transmitted to Clerk of United States District Court for the Northern  
district of Oklahoma June 28th, 19 68

  
United States Commissioner.